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Planners balk at regulating front yards Lemon Grove shines at

by Cheryl Cohen

Most everyone's heard the acronym NIMBY ("Not In My Back Yard"), referring to some socially beneficial activity that is, no matter how necessary, not welcome in one's particular part of the world. It's used about San Diego's airport, the marine helicopters, landfills — you name it.

Now, want to wash your clothes in the front yard? How about build a wooden spaceship in your tree, in case you have some alien guests? Plant a crop of vegetables in front of your porch or maybe paint your home in a palette of blinding neon colors? Who's to stop you, anyway?

Maybe your own city.

The city fathers (and mothers) of Lemon Grove are trying to discern what will and will not be allowed in people's front yards (within the setback) as a matter of code enforcement procedures and how these codes will fit into the newly revised general plan.

Code Enforcement Officer Craig Bonner and City Attorney Gloria McLean presented a "before and after" type of slide show at a special workshop meeting of city council and the planning commission on Feb. 25. It was used in conjunction with an overview of the current philosophical approach to code enforcement, examples of current enforcement actions and issues, and coordination with Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) members.

The main purpose of the workshop, as McLean pointed out several times, was that there was a genuine need for the council to have "certainty and consistency" in its direction to staff, in order to better enforce their edicts.

McLean said the staff wants to avoid unnecessary work if there are no problems with the way things are handled now.

"We will enforce what you want, but we need to know, by issue, if there are any problems or suggestions first," she said.

Priorities have already been set for code enforcement:

- violations constituting an immediate threat to public health and safety, such as unsecured dangerous buildings and property; compliance required within 24 hours.
- violations affecting property values and the quality of neighborhoods, such as the accumulation of junk, debris and weeds, abandoned, inoperative vehicles; compliance required within seven days.
- illegal business operations, such as auto repair as an illegal home occupation. Compliance



While city staff have their hands full enforcing existing building codes, questions arise about how the new general plan update will affect people's front yards.

Photo by Cheryl Cohen

required: cease business operations immediately, seven days to clean up site or legitimize.

• general violations of the zoning ordinance/development and building codes, such as illegal construction without a permit, illegal fences/fence height, illegal yard sales (excessive number), illegal signage, illegal parking of large vehicles and other parking violations. These apply to commercial, industrial and residential properties. Compliance required within 24 hours to 15 days.

 noise complaints, such as barking dogs, construction equipment, motor vehicles, loud music or television. Compliance is required immediately.

These code violations are pretty standard and things that citizens would generally expect in the line of municipal code. But where the line gets a bit fuzzy is where the regulations don't yet exist.

These could include such items as parking only on pavement, washing machines, bird baths and mailboxes in the front yard, to name just a few. In fact the possibilities for regulation are as endless as the activities one can think up to do within a front yard's setback.

Where does the regulation end? McLean asked.

"How do you classify one of those "sea-tainers"? As a building? Junk?" she asked. "Do we define the requirements by size. code, function or materials? How serious is the fence height issue? If a fence exceeds legal limits by an inch or so, does the city want staff to do something about it? Just how involved should city officials be in what people can do in their front yards?"

Planning Commissioner Bob Alirez said he thinks homeowners have the right to repair their cars in their driveways, and that it would be difficult to sort out what would and wouldn't work. "One of the reasons I purchased my home was the big driveway," he said. "People that bought their places planning on utilizing these features, should be able to use them without repercussion."

Alirez likes to work on his vehicles in his spacious driveway.

Planning Commission Director Leonard Kattong said he's not sure he wants what he does in his front yard regulated. What if he wants to plant bush beans there?

"Some setbacks (depending on zoning) are 24 feet or 26 feet." he said. "What if the washer is at 27 feet?"

Commissioner Jill Greer asked why the city needs more laws when current codes are not being enforced effectively. Commissioner Chuck Pennell said public education may solve some of these problems and questions.

To that end, Councilman Tom Clabby suggested a guided tour of Lemon Grove with members of the East County Economic Development Council, city officials and members of the press to point out bad spots. In this way, he said it would educate everyone with a purpose to better direct staff on what to enforce and how.

In the end, almost everyone agreed that it might be more prudent to concentrate on enforcing existing ordinances until a substantial impact on current major code violators can be made.

McLean and Bonner said several times that, generally speaking, they are not interested in the imposition of fines or jail sentences for code violators, but would rather seek to maintain compliance and minimize the probability of recurrence. The city staff wants to create a "spirit of cooperation with the violator".

That's all fine and well, but that spirit of cooperation may be a little more problematic if the city tries to evict visiting aliens out of the tree-ship.

Lemon Grove shines at Mardi Gras festivities

by Bob Burns

The fourth Annual Senior Program Mardi Gras Ball on Feb. 21 was a huge success and Lemon Grove swept the slate of prize winning honors. Whenever we can best our neighbors to the north and east, it is a pleasure.

The queen chosen to rule for the next year was our own Michelle Kazalonis from the Lemon Grove Soroptimist Club. The king, from Lemon Grove's Kiwanis Club was long-time member and past president Dell Lake.

The ceremonial dance of the reigning monarchs was flavored with Dell's past square dance routines and the Sophisticates rendition of "In the Mood."

Traditional crowning of the king and queen was performed by honorary rulers Ed and Sandra Burr of EDCO. Lemon Grove claims the Burrs because of the location of their waste disposal company in our city.

Another victory was the Lemon Grove Kiwanis float in the parade down Bourbon Street. The competition was great, but he Kiwanis entry was an impressive panel depicting the accomplishments of the club's 48 year history.

Lemon Grove initiated the pancake breakfasts and the carload apple sales that other organizations have copied over the years. These are still two of the club's main fundraisers to supply money for their civic projects.

They have participated in many other parades and been a big part of every community project in the past and present.

City Manager Doug Yount and and his wife, Nicole, were proud winners of auction items and Doug displayed amazing prowess at dealing blackjack.

The major money prize of the night, a 50-50 split, was won by, another Kiwanian, Dr. Bob Swenson. Mayor Mary Sessom's spouse, Steve Baker, treated the crowd to some lively tunes on the keyboard from the bandstand for some great dancing.

The Mesa Valley Grove Senior Center sponsored the affair and deemed it a success. The organization does a masterful job for senior citizens and fills a very important need in the wider community of La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley.

These fundraisers assist them in doing those important things that regular funding cannot supply. The staff, under the direction of Lourdes Contreras, is very efficient and the very large cadre of volunteers make it all work.

So, the gauntlet is down for next year and the challenge is waved to dare the other jurisdictions try to beat Lemon Grove out in 1998. There will be another Mardi Gras. and hopefully, it will be bigger and better yet. King Dell and Queen Michelle will reign until then with dignity and pride.

Tell an African story



Andrina Bradford tells an "African Story" at Lemon Grove Middle School's "Black History Experience" program. Other performers included Jessica Calixto, Mary Vargas, Lance Davis, Brandi Washington and Natosha Stanford.

M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

This week, Councilman Jandura shares his response to the question "Lemon Grove has many responsibilities to its citizens, both business and residential. What is one priority we must address in 1997 and what resources should be used?"

I would like to see the transformation and revitalization of the Downtown Broadway Commercial Corridor between Kempf and Lemon Grove Ave

During the past few years, Lemon Grove has been successful in attracting large retail businesses such as Home Depot and Bob Baker Toyota, which have served the multiple purposes of generating more tax revenue for the city, providing more convenience to our local shoppers and bringing out-of-towners into our shopping area. Lemon Grove has also seen its new general plan approved which provides a good structure for insuring that our traditional family neighborhoods are maintained and with that the character of our city.

With these positive developments in place, I feel that it is time to focus more attention on our small business community, which presently finds its home on Broadway between Kempf and Lemon Grove Ave. As neighborhoods help to define the character and ambiance of a community, so does a community's "downtown shopping area." As Lemon Grovers have a sense of pride in their neighborhoods, it is important that we also feel a sense of pride in our downtown.

The present city council has shown a desire to help the chamber of commerce in promoting our business environment. Some of the things that city government can do to help revitalize this area would be easy to implement, such as the easing of parking requirements for commercial establishments. Due to this area's close proximity to the trolley, we should encourage more foot traffic on Broadway by providing more shaded areas and park bench settings on Broadway. We should also be willing to approve mixed use facilities to enable business store fronts to coexist with upstairs or behind living quarters for people who desire a more urban lifestyle within a commercial area. Low cost loans can be provided to developers who are willing to take a gamble on the East Broadway area to upgrade the storefronts and add on mixed uses to the existing or new buildings.

We should encourage and promote more street fairs in this area for special events. This will bring our community together and give out of towners an opportunity to visit our city. The ultimate success or failure of this area in our community will depend on many factors, not the least of which is the economy and the willingness of private enterprise to take a risk on Broadway's future. However, it is imperative that we, as local leaders, commit to working with the local businesses and potential investors and developers in making this area prosper.

Sheriff's Log

Jan. 4-Feb. 3, 1997

8000 blk. Sarawak Dr. Petty theft. \$130 value.

Feb. 5, 1997

Address unknown. (Lent to acquaintance) Auto theft. \$16,000 value. Feb. 13, 1997

7800 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$1,000 value.

8000 blk. Beechwood Ct. Grand theft. \$1,240 value.

Feb. 13-14, 1997

1800 blk. Ensenada St. Vehicle burglary. \$25 value.

Feb. 16, 1997 7600 blk. Pacific Ave. Auto theft. \$600 value.

8300 blk. Adams Ave. Petty theft. \$399 value.

Feb. 16-17, 1997

2300 blk. Difoss. Vehicle burglary. \$1,660 value.

Feb. 17-19, 1997 1800 blk. Dora St. Vehicle burglary. \$180 value.

Feb. 19, 1997 3400 blk. Washington St. Auto theft. \$2,300 value.

Feb. 20, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$19,050 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Comm. burglary. Value unknown.

1400 blk. La Corta Cir. Residential burglary. \$3,200 value.

Feb. 22, 1997

1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Strong armed robbery. Value unknown. 7900 blk. Alton Dr. Residential burglary. \$350 value.

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

		High	Low
Feb.	26	61	44
Feb.	27	55	47
Feb.	28	63	47
March	1	67	39
March	2	67	40
March	3	66	40
March	4	71	42

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WEATHER \ Lemon Twist

by Cheryl Cohen

The next time we have a nice, hot and sunny day, go to Main Street and Broadway. Park your car in front of "A Kid's Store and More," and after buying lots of fun stuff for the kid in you, walk around the building to the alley and inhale deeply. Geez louise! What's that smell? The owners of "Kid's," Gretchen McKay-Scott and Beverly Fuget will tell you that it's not exactly the smell of success. Nope, that's the fragrance of "Eau de phewww, there's no bathreum" at the bus stop. Instead of waiting until they arrive at their destinations, some more imaginative folks have been leaving samples of their toilette spray on the walls of the building. Sometimes, these things are just a matter of personal taste, but McKay-Scott and Fuget aren't really appreciative of that particular scent. They thought that maybe having a city-sponsored "design the porta-potty" contest would be a real hoot, but the winning entry would have to go to Helen Ofield. While Helen may only have intended to offer an alternative to the store's outlawed banner problems when she suggested that murals were still permitted under the city's signage ordinance, it actually sparked a better idea: a painting of urinals along the wall. Now, if they can only think of a way to get the mural to flush.

Put water in the soup; here we come! San Diego Habitat for Humanity has graciously invited all Lemonites to their open house on Saturday, Mar. 15 from noon to 5 p.m., in their office at 3562 Grove Street. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian housing movement that works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. Believing that decent housing is a matter of conscience, they depend upon volunteers who share a common vision. They want to get to know you as their neighbor, and introduce you to their "Habitat family." Refreshments will be provided, and your family and friends are invited, too. Obviously, being new to Lemon Grove, they don't know how much folks in this community eat.

Someday soon, when you've driving on State Route 125 practically through Rosemary Putnam's place on Crane Street, try to avert your eyes as you sideswipe her bathroom. Caltrans manager Pedro Orso and project engineer Bob Lawrey gave a brief overview of the overall project, and Orso said that although Caltrans normally tries to avoid homes that have historical significance, he didn't think he could buy her property, which will practically have the freeway in her yard. (Silly Pedro, Rosemary wants Caltrans to buy her home, not you!) Freeway alignment plans were recently modified to "soften the curve" around Little Darlings (interesting choice of words), but to do more modifications to avoid Hunter's Nursery and Ms. Putnam's property would require such an amount of re-evaluation, it would put the project on hold. If a project isn't "a natural impact to the physical footprint of the property," and if the property isn't "rendered unusable" they cannot buy it. So, maybe to Caltrans, the impact of having a freeway connector 30 feet away from your door is a subjective thing. And to think that the residents in Ocean Beach think that being in the flight path of the airport is loud!

Last year's San Diego Track Club president, and Lemon Grove's Hard Body Planning Commissioner, Chuck Pennell, ran like the wind in his 13th Las Vegas Marathon on Feb. 9, finishing in the top ten of his 55 - 59 age division. Although he claims in his press release that he's not planning to run in next year's elections, he may do well to keep practicing until the design review standards and code enforcement issues have all been solved within the city. You never know, Chuck. Depending on who's behind you, you may need to utilize that speed on a more local level.

Some may wonder why Dell Lake was lugging a huge piece of Styrofoam into the Feb. 25 joint meeting of the city council and planning commission. It seems that it was once part of the facade of the building that houses Dell Enterprises. but fell off, along with six others just like it. Naturally, this raised more than a little concern about the pedestrians that pass near or into its doors daily. Tenants took it upon themselves to remove the ten remaining blocks before an accident happened, and it took only 15 minutes to do. The blocks revealed that the paint of the building wasn't even removed before they were incorrectly installed. Planning Commissioner Helen Ofield shared that Balboa Park had once used this type of block and they too, had problems. They switched to a different, stronger material. Councilman Dwight Shelley offered that this same material is used exclusively at McDonald's restaurants, but he didn't specify in which value meal,

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PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

Right now I guess I'm either a free agent or the statute of limitations has run out for prosecuting me. I'm not sure which. I've been at this PG Perspectives thing for three years now and I don't know if I'm still liable for some of those early violations that ran in Forum newspapers or if the Editorial Board at Forum Publications will ask me to sign a new long term contract. Perhaps they'll try to use me as a bargaining chip and see if they can't trade me for a gossip columnist or a photographer

Three years. Wow. That's somewhere around a hundred and fifty columns. That's what I call longterm suffering-on your part, dear reader, not mine. I rarely experienced any discomfort, let alone suffering, while hurling my opinions at you. So, what of the future?

Well, I could, of course, continue like I have Writing about everything from soup to nuts or in my case clothing styles to nudity; one of which I know little about, the other even less. Or, I could try something new and as they say, cutting edge.

One approach I've been thinking about is turning PG Perspectives into a vicious, hate-filled column where no person or idea would be safe from my mean commentary. Sort of a written talk radio format. I could attack anyone I wanted to and I could pursue individuals with a no holds barred assault.

For instance, I could talk about all the dummies involved in the Stadium brouhaha. By the time I gave each of them his/her due, I'd have a couple of months of columns. At least

Or I could tell readers what I really think about that Kathy Lee person or what I'd do if I met up with baseball's good will ambassador, Albert Bell, in person. I would likely point out that Kathy Lee is a royal pain in various parts of the anatomy-using an index guide and pointer for clarity. And should I ever be unfortunate enough to meet Mr. Bell, I'd run like hell. I don't know how good I could be at spewing forth venom, but that might be one way to juice (sorry. I promised myself no more O.J. references) up the old column.

Another way to change PG Perspectives might

the column

be to make it into an advice giving column Everybody's doing it, so I could just jump right in. Car repair, relationships, business hints, beauty and style. These kinds of columns thrive in other newspapers and just might be the real future of PG Perspectives. A "Dear PG, I'm having trouble with..." kind of column.

I probably should take a course or two on automotive repair before I start handing out advise there. I really need to clear up that automatic spark advance thing and finally get the whole polarity mystery straight when using jumper

I should also rethink my skills in the relationships game if that's the shape a new column might take. I'll have to learn not rely so much on catch phrases like "You stupid..." or "If you could only see how wrong you are." It seems some folks just can't seem to see the benefit in my pointing out their shortfalls

If I started an advice column in the area of personal finance. I'd probably be a little more believable if I patched-up those messy little cracks in my own credit rating. People can be so untrusting if they think you have a minor flaw or two in the area of expertise you're flaunting

Finally, I'd better try to figure out an easy way to explain the whole "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" thing as that seems to come up often in some advise columns. I could tie it to fashion tips. And as far as the topic of style is concerned. I'm on solid ground there. All I need to do is slip on my turtle neck, step into my bell bottoms, and slide on my earth shoes and I'm ready to start clanking away at the keyboard giving readers the kind of sound fashion tips they deserve.

Some sort of an advice column is a distinct possibility. In the interim, however, a back up plan is necessary. In case the Editor-in-chief of Forum Publications, Mr. Saint (poly unsaturated with only nine grams of fat), doesn't go for these ideas, I guess I'm just going to be stuck doing what I've been doing for the last three years.

What's that? I thought you knew

Commentary

In search of decency

by Paul Treske

Once in a while, reality confounds us by being more bizarre than fantasy. Such was the case last week when NBC's showing of 'Schindler's List" was angrily condemned by a congressman from Oklahoma for taking TV to "an all-time low

Warming to his subject. Republican Representative Tom Coburn condemned the movie for "full-frontal nudity, violence and profanity." and declared that NBC's decision to air it should outrage "decentminded individuals everywhere." He ended by saying that such films were "polluting the minds of our children."

Of course, several days later, apparently sobered by an avalanche of criticism from fellow congressionals, he apologized and seemed to be claiming something akin to temporary insanity

That anyone could see prurience in the sight of men and women being stripped naked on their way to the gas chambers is both stagger-

Apparently, the fact that this was a reasonably accurate depiction of what was arguably the most barbaric episode in mankind's long history, completely escaped Mr. Coburn. All he seemingly saw and heard was some briefly naked men and women and a few four letter words. The violence he berates really happened and the more the world knows and sees of this, the better chance we have of non-repetition

Fortunately, some sixty-five million Americans watched the movie and the news media reported no major outburst of "decent-minded individuals" storming NBC offices in protest. The film was horrifying to watch, but at the same time it gave us ennobling insight into the handful of brave men and women who, like Oskar Schindler, chose to risk their lives and fortunes in an attempt to rescue at least a few of the innocent victims of Nazi bestiality. There were others, like Schindler, whose stories have not yet been told and who may never receive recognition for their courage. But they lit small lamps in the midst of the darkness and terror and reminded us of what good we humans can often demonstrate while swimming in a sea of evil.

It is sad that Mr. Coburn missed all of this in his strange, nit-picking search for his version of "decency." Now that his congressional colleagues have given him a new perspective, perhaps he might try to see the film again with a different attitude

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for the history

Thank you for your wonderful short history of black and white in East County ["Blacks in East County," Feb. 20 issue]. As a retired sociology professor with the predictable "liberal" bias, our area could use much more history of this kind to counteract the current crop of nerds and kooks (Grossmont High School board, for example) on the telly and in the Daily Californian.

FRED ROSSON

La Mesa

Go back to school, Mr. Hunter

I am shocked and outraged that Congressman Duncan Hunter voted

MARY CRUZ

against restoring international family planning funds. Does he not comprehend the elementary equation that birth control prevents abortion?! If he is serious about his commitment to ending abortion, why not offer people family planning services so they do not find themselves in the difficult position of facing an unwanted pregnancy. Congressman Hunter is no leader; he is simply an ideologue!

Campo

Reel Thoughts

Laugh 'til it hurts with two new comedies

by Betty Jo Tucker

If you want to see one of the funniest movies ever made, don't miss "Waiting For Guffman" Castle Entertainment). This madcap film pokes fun at everything from documentaries and talent shows to local politics and alien abduc-

Efforts to put on a show celebrating the 150th anniversary of Blaine, Missouri, provide the "hook" for all the hilarity presided over by Corky St. Claire (Christopher Guest). a drama coach who moved to Blaine from New York City. A wonderfully wacky group of townspeople (played to the hilt by Fred Willard, Catherine O'Hara, Eugene Levy, Bob Balaban, and Parker Posey) take part in this historic (or hysteric) event

Unfortunately, I'm not able to write any more about this movie because everytime I think about it I laugh so hard I can't do any thing else. Just be sure to see it!

Another new off-beat comedy, "Good Luck" (from East West Film Partners), also generates its share of big laughs, but within a more serious, uplifting story line. Gregory Hines ("The Preacher's Wife") and Vincent D'Onofrio ("Feeling Minnesota") star as two disabled men, one in a wheelchair

and the other recently blinded, who joined together to enter a rafting race. Their amusing love/hate relationship is great fun to watch.

Max Gail portrays "Farmer John," the man who helps this unlikely pair enter the race in spite of regulations against disabled entrants. Gail's sensitive performance rings true and contains not a hint of the "Wojo" character he played so convincingly for 7 years on television's classic "Barney Miller.

During a recent interview while he was in San Diego for the "Good Luck" press tour, Gail admitted he had very little time to prepare for this role. "It was sort of a last minute deal," he said. "I read the script and started filming the next day. The part was originally to be done by my friend Jon Voight," Gail explained

Because Hines and D'Onofrio had been working together and had developed such good rapport. Gail believes everything worked out fine. "By the time Farmer John appears on screen, the audience is ready to accept this character and joins in the action through the things he says to get the two main characters back on track," the savvy actor

Gail has several television roles coming up, including one



Max Gail's portrayal of farmer John rings true in "Good

in Robert Altman's "The Gun" and another in the film version of Louisa May Alcott's "The Inheritance." However, he spends most of his time now working on the creation of a network of local computer centers open to everyone. According to Gail, the project, LAP (Local Access Place), incorporates some of the Barney Miller philosophy of "all races working together for the common good."

Gail urges anyone interested in finding out more about LAP to write him at P.O. Box 4160, Malibu, Calif. 90265, or to call him at 310-457-3378

Beavis and Butthead do Washington

I was incredulous when I recently heard (on a radio talk show) that there was a federal law which dealt with the use of human subjects for the testing of chemical or biological agents by the Department of Defense.

So I searched the shelves of the El Cajon Law Library at the Courthouse until I found Title 50, Section 1520 of the United States Codes. It's true. It's codified. Subsection (b) of this law says:

The Secretary of Defense may not conduct any test or experiment involving the use of any chemical or biological agent on civilian populations unless local civilian officials in the area in which the test or experiment is to be conducted are notified in advance of such test or experiment, and such test or experiment may then be conducted only after the expiration of the thirty day period beginning on the date of such notification.

As if it's an okay law because it can only be conducted after a 30day notice to local civilian officials?!? Who wrote this law? Beavis &

Remember the drone of military helicopters flying in a v-shaped formation dropping Malathion on the citizens of El Cajon. That eerie scenario still haunts my memory. Did anyone listen to the protests of the people who were given notice?

CAROLYN O'PATRY

Got an opinion? Most people do! Send it in a letter to the editor today! P.O. Box 127, Lemon Grove, CA 91946

Friends of the Lemon

At the February meeting

Branch librarian Sonya Heiserman was honored for her twenty years of service in the County library system. It was a 9:00 a.m. meeting but the cake was delicious.

Jack Moore's audit of our books found all to be in order. Jack also provided line item accounting of our income and expenses over the past three years. We were pleased to see that our book sales have totaled more than \$3,000 in each of those years.

Sonya requested that the Friends purchase two reference works that the library needs: "Encyclopedia of American Education", a 3-volume set, and "Believers - Spiritual Leaders of the World", at a total cost of \$205. The request was approved.

We discussed shared use of community room space. The large room is used for public meetings and events, book sales (and sorting), one-on-one tutoring, and activities can often be combined.

Membership lists were checked for accuracy and before our '97 lists are prepared, reminder notes will be sent to our MM's (Missing Members).

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20 9:00 a.m. Community Room at the LG Library DONATIONS OF USED BOOKS......PLEASE

Your donations of used books are what keep our book sales popular and well-attended. Hardbound books, paperback, fiction, non-fiction, magazines: we need them all.

Our book sales benefit all: donators gain a fresh, tidy house with uncluttered shelves, Friends have a successful sale; book-buyers go home with bags full of wonderful reading material, and the library profits from the proceeds. It's a WIN/WIN situation for all; please do your part.

BOOK SALE: SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

On March 22 our next book sale will take place at the library. It is a change in date from our usual schedule of sales on the last Saturday of alternate months.

After Old Time Days (May), we will return to the last Saturday schedule.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the Lemon Grove Library

Experience for yourself the challenge of special needs. There will be:

Preschool stories in sign language. Songs with signing.

Michelle and her seeing-eye dog, Rusty.

Wheelchairs, walkers, eye patches, etc., will be available for you to try.

DOES IT SEEM LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY.... OF TWO WEEKS AGO?

If you think you read a Friends of the Library Newsletter more recently than a month ago, you're right. With the help of Steve Saint, editor/publisher of the LG Review, we are trying different time slots for our newsletter.

SOME RECENT BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Adult Fiction

- "War and Peace" by Leo Tolstoy
 "The Valley of the Thousand Smokes" by
- "The Adventures of Superman" by Lowther
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- "The Western Guide to Feng Shui" "Creating Balance, Harmony, Prosperity, in
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A reading incentive program entitled "Food for Thought", sponsored by In-N-Out Burger Corporation, is in progress at Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway.

The program extends to April 7. To participate, children are invited to visit the Lemon Grove Library to receive Food for Thought bookmarks. When a child completes a book at an appropriate reading level, his bookmark will be validated by the library staff. When five books have been completed, the child will receive a reading certificate and take his completed, validated bookmark to the Local In-N-Out Burger, 7160 Broadway, Lemon Grove, for a free meal.

In-N-Out Burger Corporation believes that "success breeds success". They hope that these children will develop building blocks for future successful learning. The Lemon Grove Library encourages children to take advantage of this learning program. Call the library, 463-9819, for information.

Mary Vinson edits the Iriends of the Lemon Grove Library Newsletter, and asks you to support your library with your membership. QUICK REVIEWS OF RECENT BOOKS
(Reviewers are Annette Quintana,
Mary Vinson, Bob Vinson, BKarvelas,
Harold Berg)

"Anything Considered" by Peter Mayle A romping, witty novel starts mild with Bennett, a cultured Englishman who leaves London to live in a quaint French village, but he is nearly broke. He uses a newspaper ad to volunteer services for "anything considered."

A reply from a super-wealthy truffles merchant starts Bennett on a gustatory but dangerous adventure with Anna Hersch (beauteous former model/tank driver). A cluster of bad guys (including Shim, a karate-ace like Oddjob) pursue Bennett and Anna. Despite frightening conditions, the pair manage to enjoy each other and French cuisine. Sorry, can't disclose the ending.

"Beach Music" by Pat Conroy

Conroy wrote "The Lords of Discipline", The Prince of Tides", and this is another rich, elegant story. He returns again to his theme of an eccentric, domineering mother and a father emotionally distant from his sons. One son has fled to Rome to escape his family and memories; the others remain in the south, tied to family and community by threads of loyalty, love, habit.

There are several storylines within the main narrative. They appear as flashbacks when Jack, the protagonist, is drawn back from his self-imposed exile in Italy to become a part again of the love/hate, misdeeds, compassion that have filled his and his friends' lives. The forces that shaped all of them are presented with warmth, and as in life, there is humor mixed with pain.

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MORE QUICK REVIEWS, RECENT BOOKS "Beloved" by Toni Morrison

Set in Ohio several years after the Civil War, the characters are haunted by their painful memories of slavery. The main character, Sethe, and the only child she has left, her teenaged daughter Denver, are also quite literally haunted by the ghost or spirit of Sethe's other daughter.

The prose is beautiful, the story memorable; it was sometimes confusing and I found myself wondering who was speaking in some of the dialogue. This book is "haunting" me as I'm still thinking about it. **BKarvelas (Nooker)**

"Captiva" by Randy Wayne White

He also wrote "Sanibel Flats", "The Host Islands", "The Man Who Invented Florida". Story of Doc Ford, a marine biologist, bachelor, and exert at boating, fishing, and dealing with things electrical or mechanical. His good friend Tomlinson is a practicing Buddhist and storyteller. The small community at Sanibel Island marina is beset with opposing claims between commercial fishers and sports fishers and a pending ban on net fishing by commercial fishers. Someone bombs the dock. Doc Ford pulls a man from the water and heads into an adventure that includes unexpected love which finally calls on all of Doc Ford's exceptional talents as a former espionage agent.

Mathews' Chinese-English Dictionary

My project was research of the history of a small rug which I purchased in Tsingtao, China, many years ago.

The rug depicts figures of gods; the writing to me was inscrutable. After a friend translated a portion, curiosity took me to the Lemon Grove Library, where I found that there are 2,000 characters considered by the editors of the Chinese-English Dictionary to be in frequent use. They are classified under a table of 214 radicals or roots.

One must determine the key pen stroke(s) of a character to determine under which of the 214 radicals it will be listed. Find the radical, then the complete character, and your reward will be the page number on which definitions of that character are

It took many hours and much reading of Chinese history, but I have made some conclusions as to the history of this rug. It was designed to honor Emperor Ch'ien Lung (1736-96) in the 4th year of his reign (1739) On the 9th day in the 11th month of the 4th year of his reign, the offering of the rug was made to the temple. What adventures brought the rug to my hands are not recorded.

My conclusion is that if you decide to do research in Chinese/English, notify your family before you disappear into the library's reference room, lest they file a "missing persons HB report".

MEMORIES OF LIBRARIES

by Mary Vinson

Internet has introduced new friends and booklovers across the nation. A corner of cyberspace where readers and authors exchange ideas is America on Line's Book Nook, a busy bulletin board. its capacity of 500 messages is often filled before Californians have finished dinner. It has been easy to become addicted. My own TBR list (books "To Be Read") grows with every day's postings.

Posted opinions often differ markedly from published best seller lists. It appears that many wonderful books never receive the public attention

they deserve.

A special BN language is developing to speed the written dialog:

BN - Book Nook

Nookers - participants in Book Nook Lurkers - read exchanges; don't write IMO - In my opinion

IMHO - In my humble opinion - disclaimer used when about to express controversial view

POV - Point of View - used in describing character's POV

BTW - By the way

LOL - Laughed Out Loud - funny ROFL-Rolled on floor, laughing really funny

TBR - To Be Read - individual's list of unread books.

Nookers are currently asking questions of author Tess Gerritsen who has just signed a movie contract for "Harvest", writing congratulatory notes to John Gilstrap, author of

"Nathan's Run", and enjoying ongoing puns and flights of fancy from Warren Christie, author of "Jennie Passing By". They are reading and recommending such books as "Crazy in Alabama", "Angela's Ashes", "Nathan's Run" "Thrill of the Grass", "She's Come Undone", "Snow Falling on Cedars".

Share Nookers' memories of early libraries in their lives:

From Gretchen in New Orleans:

I went to a parochial school in another parish (county) so I was not allowed to get books from the bookmobile or the school library closest to my home. Also, my mother did not drive. Each summer my mom took me to work with her one day a week. The main branch of the public library was two blocks away. You guessed it! That's where I went and spent hours reading the books. I read The Iliad, The Odyssey, and Ulysses one summer. (Gretchen adds that today her parents could go to the school and point out that their policy was discriminatory. This happened 40 years ago; "times do change" she says.)

From: Suzanne Carpenter

My first "dirty" book was "Forever Amber". My mother pointed to her bookshelf (I was about 14) and said I could read any book but that. I couldn't sneak it out fast enough. Not that there was anything even remotely

MEMORIES OF LIBRARIES (continued)

From: Mkatie 123

There was room for about three nonclaustrophobes at a time in our huge, ramshackle bookmobile. The "librarian" was a scary-looking, chain-smoking guy with a tattoo. In Junior High, my girlfriends and I graduated to the "bia" library, explaining to our parents that we needed to study but it was, for all practical purposes, the lowa adolescent's version of a singles' bar. We kicked boys' shins under those big wooden tables and shoved and giggled until we were thrown out.

In college, I studied in the public library. Is there a college student in the universe that has not fallen asleep on a book in the library only to awaken with an unattractive 'bookline' down one's cheek and a tiny bit of drool at the

corner of one's mouth?

Now--full circle--I'm back to the library, including the children's section, once a week.

From: Sharon Kozmin, Germantown, PA

When I was in junior high, I rushed to sign up for the summer reading program at Calabasas Creek library. I remember trying to read Shakespeare, which the librarian advised against. Of course, that made me more determined to read it. I don't think I made it through, but I certainly didn't tell

From: Dorothy Vernor, San Diego

I grew up on a farm in Wisconsin in the 30's, the heart of the depression, with no library nearby. When I went away to high school, there was a new found joy: the small public library. I always checked out the most books allowable because when I went home on weekends, I had to share library books with my father. I'm sure the librarian must have thought that young girl was the biggest Zane Grey fan she had ever seen. Little did she realize that it was my father who was the big fan.

From: LKetl No libraries were near; my mother didn't have a car (no kid's mom I knew had her own car), so we had to take a long, two-transfer bus ride to get there.

The library was a converted 3-story row house between a fire house and a seedy, 3rd-run movie theater. I loved it when the fire sirens went off and the big trucks roared out. It upset the librarians.

They weren't nice librarians, BTW, not at all like the warm, cozy librarians of myth. They were there, like 3-headed Cerberus, to guard the books, not make recommendations or encourage reading. I used to believe (still do) that they resented children in the library at all. They solemnly inspected each book we brought back in anticipation of finding smudges, pencil marks or, God forbid, a turned-down corner. If they found something, we got a lecture and a threat to yank our cards. I still can't return a book to a library today without feeling guilty and that if I make one false move--I'm outa there.

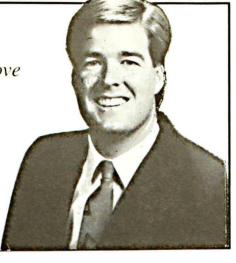
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Letters to the Editor

Special use permit for birthday balloons?

I knew I shouldn't have missed the City Council meeting on Tuesday. Feb. 25! Now I'm hearing all kinds of rumors about newly proposed ordinances regarding our front yards in Lemon Grove. Is it true that I can keep my bird bath as long as only small birds use it - no doves, pigeons, jays, etc.? I also heard we can still grow tomatoes (under 3 feet), but no corn, green beans, or melons. And what about having a dryer on the front porch, but not a washing machine? I find this one really unbelievable - barbecuing is still allowed, but only on weekends and as long as you cook chicken, not beef! And what's up with having to get a special use permit if I want to use balloons at my kid's birthday party? Please enlighten all of us on these disturbing rumors!

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More from Moore

Council member Shelley should be acknowledged for documenting some facts surrounding the city funded yacht party. But, faulty logic and conclusions exist.

If a party costing \$7,700 of public money is ethically acceptable, when does it become not so? At \$17,700? \$37,700? or \$107,000? Would a publicly funded cruise to Catalina be acceptable? This is an either/or issue. Like a dime or a dollar, shoplifting is shoplifting, or it

Are the citizens of Lemon Grove to conclude from the councilman's reference to a similar party in 1990 that two wrongs make a right?

This being general fund money, coming and going, is the City Manager authorized to obligate such funds to any such unappropriated and unbudgeted purpose? And then, seek and receive city council ratifica-

A sweeping reform of Worker's Compensation in California aimed at making the state more competitive with other states dropped the annual costs of the system from \$11 billion per year in 1993 to \$8 billion last year. Lemon Grove was a beneficiary. The fire department premiums alone fell from \$73.196 in 1994 to \$60.804 for 1997. Did the taxpaver get a rebate? No, the money went into the general fund.

There's a bit hypocrisy when the city council pays the city attorney \$31,000 in a failed attempt to shut down a nude club on moral grounds while seeing no immorality of a city funded yacht party.

There must have been something lost in time and space between Gettysburg 1863 and Lemon Grove 1997 when government of the people, by the people, and for the people became government of city hall, by city hall, and for city hall.

> JACK MOORE Lemon Grove

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This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/ County Clerk of San Diego County on FEB 03 1997

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SUPERIOR COURT OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

EAST COUNTY COURT 250 E MAIN EL CAJON, CA 92020-3913

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THOMAS ANDERSON HOLLY ANDERSON AUSTIN ANDERSON, A MINOR CEARA ANDERSON, A MINOR

FOR CHANGE OF NAME(S)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (CCP 1277) CASE NUMBER: EC 014308

PETITIONERS THOMAS ALAN ANDERSON HOLLY LYNN ANDERSON. AUSTIN THOMAS ANDERSON. A MINOR CEARA BRIANNE

ANDERSON, A MINOR HAVE FILED A PETITION FOR AN ORDER TO CHANGE

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ns only the man and the matter appear before this court in Department D of the San Diego County Superior Court at the address shown above on 4-3-97 at 8.15 A M and show cause, if any they have, why the address that we have why the soulcasters for the state of the same and the s have, why the application for change of name should not be

It IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order To Show Cause be published in the LEMON GROVE REVIEW. a newspaper of general circulation published in this County, at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the day of the hear-

DATED FEB 19 1997 H.R. HOLLYWOOD Judge of the Superior Court

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by Betty Jo Tucker

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- G film rates as general family entertainment. L - The film contains strong language.
- V film contains violent scenes. S - The film contains sexual situations
- Q film contains questionable lessons about human behavior.

Reel Ratings: Family Movie Guidelines for March, 1997: MPAA Rating

Movie	MPAA Rating	Reel Rating
Absolute Power	(R)	VSL
Beautician and the Beast	(PG)	G
Chasing Amy	(R)	VSL
Citizen Ruth	(R)	VSL
City of Industry	(R)	VSLQ* (thief escapes law)
Dangerous Ground	(R)	VSL .
Dante's Peak	(PG-13)	V
Donnie Brasco	(R)	VL
Fool's Rush In	(PG-13)	S
Good Luck	(R)	SL
Jungle 2 Jungle	(PG)	G
Kamasutra-A Tale of Love	(R)	VS
Lost Highway	(R)	VSL
Private Parts	(R)	SLQ* (end justifies means)
Rosewood	(R)	VSL
Sling Blade	(R)	VSLQ* (justifies a killing)
That Darn Cat	(G)	G
The Empire Strikes Back	(PG)	V
Vegas Vacation	(PG)	L
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